

Re-organisation of National SC and ST Commission

4066. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have a proposal to re-organise the National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Commission;
- (b) whether the Commission is proposed to be bifurcated and there would be separate Commission for SCs/STs;
- (c) whether there is also a proposal to form a separate National Finance and Development Corporation; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):
(a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Government has set up National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation by bifurcating the existing National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation. The Corporation is incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956. The Company has been allowed to have a total authorised share capital of Rs. 500 crore. The budget provision for the Corporation for 2001-2002 has been kept at Rs. 27 crores.

Tribal population below poverty line in Andhra Pradesh

4067. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of tribal population living below the poverty line in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) how it compares with the rest of the population of the State;
- (c) the poverty alleviation schemes being implemented for these tribals of the State; and
- (d) the results achieved, so far, in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):
(a) The Planning Commission estimates the percentage and number of persons living below the poverty line from the large sample survey